

**CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2022**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:03pm at 3515 Broad St.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners:

Becky Murillo – Present

Jamie Griffin – Present

Anne Marques – Absent

Melissa Messer – Present

Ron Miller – Present

Joanne Wagner – Present

Jeanette Frost – Present

Student Representatives:

Sadie Gehan – Absent

Annalena Eisel – Absent

Owen Biggert – Present

Others Present: Josh Tanghe, Assistant to the City Manager

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Griffin; seconded by Messer to approve the minutes from July 19, 2022 as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Murillo; seconded by Griffin to approve the agenda with the following amendment(s):

- None

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO

C. STAFF REPORT

Staff gave updates on the following items:

- A member of Parks and Recreation has resigned from their position
- Hudson Mills told City staff that there is some sort of agreement with the party store owner to clean up the area along the creek nearby
- Staff has continued to reach out to Sinclair regarding the expression swings and other work to be completed in Community Park
- Staff provided an update on the cost of the fido fountain and a potential donation of one for Monument Park
- Provided information on playground equipment in Community Park

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Members will postpone the selection of a Vice Chair until the next meeting so members have time to see their availability before taking on the role.

B. DISCUSSION OF: WALK YOUR WHEELS STICKERS

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Walk Your Wheels Sticker:

- Members discussed the designs that other organizations have used and found one that they preferred
- Staff will work on getting the decals designed and ordered
- Staff will continue spraying the stencil through the fall and utilize the decals in the spring

C. DISCUSSION OF: MILL CREEK PARK PLAYGROUND

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Mill Creek Park Playground:

- What combinations of park elements can be incorporated?
- With some of the popular options being at a high price point, what options are out there in regards to funding?
 - \$200,000 in City funding
 - Gametime grant opportunity
 - Crowd-funding
 - Collaboration with a community group
 - Look at the long-term costs of the natural playgrounds
 - Is the plan to focus strictly on the structure or other elements of the park?
- Looked at what age groups the playground should appeal to
 - Appeal to various age groups
- Other potential ideas outside of a playground structure:
 - Treehouse (Nelson Treehouse)
 - Creating more of a “pathway” with play elements throughout the park
- Although Earthscape structures are popular, the cost is very large
 - A Gametime structure would be more cost-effective
 - Gametime does have some customizability
- Could always put a bigger structure in Community Park

OLD BUSINESS

None

PARKS AND TREES MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

None

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The following items were discussed as a part of general discussion or as proposed business for future meetings:

- The election of a Vice Chair
- Mill Creek Clean-Up Day

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murillo, seconded by Griffin to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

Josh Tanghe
Assistant to the City Manager